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### MORSE PROMISED \$100,000 TO DAUGHERTY IF HIS PARDON FROM PRISON WAS OBTAINED

This in Addition to \$6,000 and \$25,000 Agreed On—Soapsuds or Drug to Simulate Illness of Prisoner—Hurried Visit to Taft Before Release

WASHINGTON, May 22.—A complete account of how Attorney General Daugherty and Thomas B. Felder, Atlanta and Washington attorney, are alleged to have obtained a pardon for Charles W. Morse from the Atlanta Penitentiary in 1912, was given in two letters published exclusively here today in the Washington Daily News.

Facsimiles of part of the correspondence were printed.

One of the letters appearing in the News was written by "T. B. Felder" to Leon O. Bailey, Hanover National Bank Building, New York City, under date of Oct. 12, 1917, or nearly five years after Morse was freed. According to the letter a "Mr. Grafton Johnson" had turned over to Bailey "for collection or adjustment" \$25,000 of common and preferred stock in the Morse Securities Company, upon which Felder had obtained a loan from Johnson.

The outstanding statements in the letter above Felder's signature are: PROMISED TO MAKE BOTH MEN RICH.

1. That Morse after accepting the alleged contract calling for a \$25,000 fee and a \$6,000 retainer (the retainer was paid), promised to make Daugherty and Felder "rich" by giving them \$100,000.

2. That statements of doctors were obtained that Morse was in poor health.

3. That the pardon order was finally obtained one day when Attorney General Wickersham and "Mr. Bennett, the editor-in-chief of the Washington Post," called at the White House and after "a protracted conversation between the President (Taft) and Mr. John R. McLean over the telephone."

4. That Daugherty and Felder, later, when the case aroused considerable unfavorable publicity, called on Attorney General Wickersham and urged against his return to prison.

5. That Daugherty became very angry with Morse when the latter, after returning from a trip to Europe, sought to pay the alleged fee in securities of his company, instead of cash, and that he refused to accept the securities.

6. That Morse's release was "secured by and through the efforts of Hon. H. M. Daugherty and myself and by no other individual, corporation, or group of individuals, living or dead, on the earth or beneath it, standing on their heads or on their heels, sitting up or lying down."

The other letter, under date of Oct. 18, 1917, was signed by P. L. Seely and confirms statements Felder makes. Seely, who was a former editor of the Atlanta Georgian, according to the Felder letter, induced Felder to act as counsel in the Morse case.

After telling how Seely interested him in the Morse case, Felder in the letter, says:

"\$131,000 IN ALL FOR FREEDOM."

"This decision was communicated by H. M. Daugherty and myself to

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### AMERICAN WOMEN AMONG 98 DEAD IN OCEAN CRASH

Two Missionaries Among Casualties in Disaster Off French Coast.

242 PERSONS SAVED.

Only Ten Passengers Perish but 88 of Crew Are Unaccounted For.

BREST, May 22 (Associated Press).—Mrs. M. L. Sibley and Miss V. M. Boyer, American missionaries on their way to India, were said today by R. F. Bevan, the only other American passenger, to have been drowned in the wreck of the British steamship Egypt, which was sunk off the island of Ushant Saturday night by a collision with the French steamer Seine. Nearly one hundred other persons lost their lives in the disaster.

Ninety-eight persons are missing and 242 were saved of those who were on board the Egypt, according to the latest official figures.

Mrs. Sibley and Miss Boyer were missionaries on their way to India.

According to the Egypt's purser, the ship floated only about twenty minutes after her plates were crushed in by the Seine. The Egypt, he declares, was not moving at the time of the accident, lying on account of the dense fog and sounding her siren continuously.

Suddenly there came the warning shriek of the siren on the Seine, and the latter loomed up out of the fog and darkness and struck the Egypt amidships. With the crash there came a terrible confusion on the stricken vessel. Four or five boats were all that could be lowered, because of the list of the vessel, and many persons jumped overboard, fearing to be drawn down with the Egypt. There was no one on board when the vessel took her final plunge, he believed.

The purser estimated that fifteen passengers, thirty white officers and fifty lascars of the crew were missing. Of thirty-eight passengers in all, it is said that but ten are missing. The doctor and chief engineer of the Egypt are missing.

The Egypt, outward bound from Tilbury to Bombay, was running down the French coast off the Ushant Rocks, near Brest, when the collision occurred. The heavy fog made the powerful searchlight from the Armen Lighthouse invisible, but the liner was sounding her siren and sending out wireless calls at regular intervals.

The fact that the French vessel cut nearly through the 8,000-ton Egypt seems to show that the Seine was steaming at a high rate of speed. The passengers on the liner were

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### BROOKLYN MAN ADMITS HIS AUTO KILLED COP

John Spooner, a contractor, living at No. 253 Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn, gave himself up to the police of Newark today and admitted that he drove the machine which ran down Motorcycle Policeman Cedric J. Peterson in Newark Wednesday night. Peterson died at the City Hospital yesterday from the injuries.

Spoooner told the police that after driving Peterson and Motorcycle Policeman Dudge to the hospital he started to drive his car from the driveway in order to make way for an ambulance. Dudge was still in the hospital and Spoooner decided to keep on driving.

### SUBMARINE RAMMED NEAR LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, May 22.—The navy submarine H-7 was rammed by the steam schooner Virginia Olson and towed into Los Angeles harbor in a sinking condition today. The collision occurred outside Los Angeles harbor.

### U. S. DIPLOMAT ENDS REVOLT BY THREAT OF FORCE

Nicaraguan Insurrectos Give Up After Minister Ramer Arranges Conference.

HAD CAPTURED FORT.

Rebels, Told Not to Fire Upon Capital City, Agree to Surrender.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, May 21 (Associated Press).—A revolutionary movement began here today against President Diego Manuel Chamorro. A band of rebels seized Fortress Loma, commanding this city.

Upon representations from the American Minister, John E. Ramer, the revolutionists agreed to turn over the fort to the commander of the American marines at 10 o'clock to-night, to be given back to the Government.

When news of the capture of the fortress was received, the American Minister sent a letter to the commander of the revolting troops, asserting that if the fort fired upon Campo de Marte, where American marines are stationed, or upon the city, the fire would be returned by marines. He also proposed that Gen. Cruz send three representatives to the American legation to meet three representatives of the Government.

There was firing between Government troops and those holding the fortress during the afternoon, several soldiers being wounded.

At the conference later it was agreed that Gen. Cruz would surrender the fortress. It was also agreed that civilians implicated in the revolution would be pardoned and military participants imprisoned for thirty days.

Everything was quiet late to-night. Rear Admiral Cole, U. S. N., and 400 marines are expected to reach Corinto to-morrow.

### HENRY FORD CALLED TREASURY RAIDER

Muscle Shoals Project Would Cost U. S. \$1,485,900,000, Says Expert.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The offer of Henry Ford for the lease of the Muscle Shoals, Ala., nitrate and power project was characterized as "the most extraordinary attempt to raid the Treasury that has ever come to my attention" by Col. Hugh Cooper of Stamford, Conn., international expert on water power by development, testifying before the Senate Agriculture Committee today.

Cooper declared that the Ford offer would cost the Government \$1,485,900,000 over and above what Ford contemplates paying into the Treasury toward completion and interest payments on the project.

WASHINGTON, May 22 (Associated Press).—An offer of \$2,500,000 for the Gorgias power plant, the Government's interest in the railroad and the transmission line from Gorgias to Muscle Shoals, Ala., has been made to Secretary Weeks by the Alabama Power Company.

### 200,000,000 MARKS FOR FORMER KAISER

German Government Will Pay for Land Seized Since Armistice.

LONDON, May 22.—Former Kaiser Wilhelm of Hohenzollern is to be compensated in full by the present German Government for landed property taken over since the revolution and Wilhelm's exile in Holland, according to a despatch to the Westminster Gazette this afternoon.

The former Kaiser will receive 200,000,000 marks. In gold marks this is equal to \$50,000,000 and in paper marks approximately \$700,000.

## SON OF MILLIONAIRE BAKER KILLED ARMED MAN WHO DEMANDED \$75,000

Walter S. Ward, Who Confesses Killing Blackmailer, and Wife



**ALL EMPLOYEES IN P. O. HERE WILL BE FINGER-PRINTED**

15,000 to Be Photographed Also to Learn if Any Has Criminal Record.

An order requiring the fingerprinting and photographing of every one of the 15,000 employees of the Post Office Department in Manhattan and the Bronx, to discover whether any of them has a criminal record, was issued today to Postmaster Edward M. Morgan by Acting General John H. Bartlett. The order was as follows:

"In accordance with your recommendation, and following up the work already instituted, you are directed to fingerprint and photograph, according to approved methods, all employees connected with the postal system of your city, to the end that those having criminal records may be determined."

"On account of the importance of

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### ANDERSON WINS OPENING GOLF MATCH IN PLAY ABROAD

PRESTWICK, Scotland, May 22 (United Press).—John G. Anderson, member of the Ruanan Club and a former Massachusetts champion, was the first American to survive the opening round of the British amateur golf championship here today. He defeated Walter Wright, England, five and four.

The tournament started this morning over one of the most famous courses in Great Britain with 252 entries, including only a scattering of Americans, who are all competing independently.

All of the leading British amateurs are competing, including Willie Hunter, last year's champion, and Cyril J. H. Tolley, former champion.

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Walter S. Ward in Confession Says He Was Victim of Blackmail for Six Weeks Before Shooting on a Westchester Road.

Penned In on Road by Gang in Auto He Pulls His Revolver and Leaps at Peters — Narrowly Escaped When Bullet Broke Glass in Coupe.

Walter S. Ward, thirty-one, son of George S. Ward, present head of the Ward Baking Company, living at No. 63 Decatur Road, New Rochelle, surrendered to Sheriff George Werner at White Plains today, and confessed that he shot and killed Clarence Peters, the ex-navy man found dead last Tuesday near the Kensico Reservoir, between Chappaqua and Armonk. The spot where the body was found is about eight miles north of White Plains.

The body of the slain man remained unidentified for several days. It was then claimed by an uncle of the youth. Peters lived at No. 19 Grove Street, Haverhill, Mass., where the body has been sent.

Ward, in his confession said, according to Sheriff Werner, that he was the victim of a \$75,000 blackmail plot in which, he alleged, Peters and two other men were engaged. He said he was lured to a place on the Port Chester Road and was met there by Peters, who ordered him to drive to the reservoir.

**WARD THREATENED WITH A REVOLVER**

Reaching the place near the reservoir, Ward said, he was threatened with a revolver by Peters and two other men who came up in an automobile. The shooting followed. There were eight or nine shots fired, one of which killed Peters.

Ward was formally charged with homicide on making the alleged confession. He was released in \$10,000 bond, which he gave himself. The blackmail plot, Ward was said to have explained, dealt with himself and his family.

Sheriff Werner declined to tell in any detail the basis of the blackmail. "This is a case of blackmail," said the Sheriff. "The man who was shot was known as 'Pete.' Identification has revealed that he was Clarence Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Peters, No. 19 Grove Street, Haverhill, Mass. The man who did the shooting is Walter S. Ward, son of Ward, the baker."

The Sheriff said that Ward declared a gang had been trying to blackmail him, and had got various sums of money from him. "Ward declares he was the victim of blackmail for six weeks before the shooting," said the Sheriff.

**BLACKMAILERS DEMAND \$75,000**

"The gang last Tuesday morning made an appointment with their victims, according to the latter's story. This meeting was the final effort to blackmail Ward," said the Sheriff, in retelling the story told him by Ward. "They demanded \$75,000 of him."

Ward told Sheriff Werner that he went in his coupe to meet Peters in a road between White Plains and Port Chester. Ward went to the meeting nursing the hope that he would be able to talk himself out of the difficult situation and persuade the alleged blackmailers to withdraw their demand for \$75,000.

Ward met three men, according to his story to the Sheriff. One was Peters, the other was known as Charlie Ross and the third man was called "Jack."

"Ward did not succeed in his hope," said the Sheriff. "Instead, he told me, Peters got into his (Ward's) car and shoved a gun against Ward's ribs and told him to drive according to directions to be given by Peters. The route led to the King Street road, on the northern side of the Kensico Reservoir, to the spot where Peters's body later was found."

**PETERS ORDERED WARD TO STOP CAR.**

Peters ordered Ward to stop the car, and was obeyed, the Sheriff said. Another car, containing Charlie Ross and "Jack," came up from behind and was placed across the road in front of Ward's coupe. Peters backed out, according to the Sheriff, and, keeping his gun pointed at Ward, ordered Ward out. As he came through the door of the machine Ward, who is left-handed, thrust his hand into his rear left pocket and pulled out a revolver, at the same time making a leap at Peters. He seized Peters's right hand, which, he said, held the gun.

Peters fired, Ward said, according to the Sheriff. The bullet